

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18 (Previously Presented) A method for making 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene comprising:  
performing cooling crystallization of a mixture containing dimethylnaphthalenes  
which includes 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene;

performing solid-liquid separation which includes press filtration to obtain a solid  
component; and

washing the solid component using a solvent which is an aliphatic and/or alicyclic  
hydrocarbon;

wherein washing is performed at least twice, and a part or the entirety of a mother  
liquor obtained in the second washing or in a subsequent washing is used as a solvent in a  
washing performed prior to the washing at which the mother liquor is obtained.

19 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18,  
wherein the mixture containing dimethylnaphthalenes is a mixture composed of  
dimethylnaphthalene isomers.

20 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18,  
wherein the solid-liquid separation includes press filtration performed at a pressure of  
10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> or more.

21 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18,  
wherein the mixture containing dimethylnaphthalenes is used as a feedstock and  
includes 5 wt% or more of 2,7-dimethylnaphthalene.

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22 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18, wherein the cooling crystallization is performed for a mixture containing dimethylnaphthalenes which includes less than 25 wt% of 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene.

23 (Currently Amended): The method according to Claim 18, wherein washing is performed for a solid component containing 80% or more of 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene using an aliphatic and/or alicyclic hydrocarbon solvent, and

    further comprising performing solid-liquid separation and distillation after the washing step, whereby a 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene having a purity of 99% or more is obtained.

24 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18,  
    wherein the solvent used in for washing is an aliphatic hydrocarbon and/or alicyclic hydrocarbon having 5 to 10 carbon atoms.

25 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 18,  
    wherein the press filtration is performed using a tube press.

26 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 18, which comprises washing the solid component in ~~hexane~~ an aliphatic hydrocarbon.

27 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 18, which comprises washing the solid component in ~~octane~~ an alicyclic hydrocarbon.

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28 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 18, which comprises washing the solid component in hexane.

29 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 18, which comprises washing the solid component in octane.

30 (Canceled)

31 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 18, wherein the 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene obtained has a purity of 99% or more.

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